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We claim:

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1. A method of operating a computer network implementing progressive information disclosure comprising:
 - receiving electronically from a first user levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence;
 - receiving electronically a request from a second user for information provided by the first user;
 - transmitting electronically the information levels in sequence to the second user until a termination response is received or until the information sequence has completed.
 2. The method of claim 1 including the additional step, after receiving the first user information levels, of:
 - receiving electronically from a second user a plurality of levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence.
 3. The method of claim 2 including the additional step, before the transmitting step, of:
 - receiving electronically a request from the first user for information provided by the second user;
 - transmitting electronically the plurality of information levels from the second user in sequence to the first user.
 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the information is transmitted simultaneously to the first and the second user.
 5. The method of claim 4 further comprising:

terminating information transmission to the first user and to the second user simultaneously.

6. The method of claim 3 wherein the transmitted information is the same between the first user and the second user.

7. The method of claim 3 wherein the transmitted information is related, but not the same, between the first user and the second user.

8. The method of claim 2 wherein the termination response is received from either the first or the second user.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the termination response is a release or pressing of a mouse button, a touch of a screen element, or the pressing of a key.

10. The method of claim 2 including the additional step, before the transmitting step, of: verifying the accuracy of the information provided by the second user.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the first user is one of a group of first users.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the second user is one of a group of second users.

13. The method of claim 1 including the additional step, before the transmitting step, of: verifying the accuracy of the information provided by the first user.

14. The method of claim 1 including the additional step, before the transmitting step, of: setting a session time for the first and second users to receive information.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the media transmitted is text, audio, image, motion video, or biometric.

16. The method of claim 1 including the additional step, before receiving the request from the second user, of:

receiving from the first user a plurality of levels of decision criteria, each decision level associated with a corresponding one of the plurality of information levels.

17. The method of claim 16 including the additional step, after receiving the request from the second user, of:

transmitting to the second user a first level of information from the plurality of information levels in the sequence;

receiving from the second user a first response and applying a first level of decision criteria thereto corresponding to the first level of information;

sending the second user a second level of information from the plurality of information levels if the first response satisfies the first level of decision criteria or performing an alternate step if the first response does not satisfy the first level of decision criteria.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the alternate step includes:

sending a reply to the second user that the first response does not satisfy the first decision criteria.

19. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

terminating the information disclosure when either user fails to respond after a specified lapse of time.

20. A system for operating a computer network implementing progressive information disclosure comprising:

a server which receives electronically from a first user levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence;

the server receives electronically a request from a second user for information provided by the first user;

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the server transmits electronically the information levels in sequence to the second user until a termination response is received or until the information sequence has completed.

- 21. The system of claim 20 wherein the server receives electronically from a second user a plurality of levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence.
- 22. The system of claim 21 wherein the server receives electronically a request from the first user for information provided by the second user and transmits electronically the plurality of information levels from the second user in sequence to the first user.
- 23. The system of claim 22 wherein the information is transmitted simultaneously to the first and the second user.
- 24. The system of claim 23 wherein the server terminates information transmission to the first user and to the second user simultaneously.
- 25. The system of claim 22 wherein the transmitted information is the same between the first user and the second user.
- 26. The system of claim 22 wherein the information transmitted is related between the first user and the second user.
- 27. The system of claim 21 wherein the termination response is received from either the first or the second user.
- 28. The system of claim 27 wherein the termination response is a release or pressing of a mouse button, a touch of a screen element, or the pressing of a key.
- 29. The system of claim 21 wherein the server verifies the accuracy of the information provided by the second user.
- 30. The system of claim 20 wherein the first user is one of a group of first users.
- 31. The system of claim 20 wherein the second user is one of a group of second users.

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32. The system of claim 20 wherein the server verifies the accuracy of the information provided by the first user.
33. The system of claim 20 wherein the server sets a session time for the first and second users to receive information.
34. The system of claim 20 wherein the media transmitted is text, audio, image, motion video, or biometric.
35. The system of claim 20 wherein the server receives from the first user a plurality of levels of decision criteria, each decision level associated with a corresponding one of the plurality of information levels.
36. The system of claim 35 wherein the server transmits to the second user a first level of information from the plurality of information levels in the sequence, receives from the second user a first response and applying a first level of decision criteria thereto corresponding to the first level of information, and sends the second user a second level of information from the plurality of information levels if the first response satisfies the first level of decision criteria or performs an alternate step if the first response does not satisfy the first level of decision criteria.
37. The system of claim 36 wherein the server in the alternate step sends a reply to the second user that the first response does not satisfy the first decision criteria.
38. The system of claim 20 wherein the server terminates the information disclosure when either user fails to respond after a specified lapse of time.
39. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium, the code for operating a computer network implementing progressive information disclosure comprising:
code to receive electronically from a first user levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence;

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code to receive electronically a request from a second user for information provided by the first user;

code to transmit electronically the information levels in sequence to the second user until a termination response is received or until the information sequence has completed.

40. The computer executable code of Claim 39 further including:

code to receive electronically from a second user a plurality of levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence.

41. The computer executable code of Claim 40 further including:

code to receive electronically a request from the first user for information provided by the second user;

code to transmit electronically the plurality of information levels from the second user in sequence to the first user.

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42. A computer readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon the code for operating a computer network implementing progressive information disclosure comprising:

code to receive electronically from a first user levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence;

code to receive electronically a request from a second user for information provided by the first user;

code to transmit electronically the information levels in sequence to the second user until a termination response is received or until the information sequence has completed.

43. The computer readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon of Claim 42 further including:

code to receive electronically from a second user a plurality of levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence.

44. The computer readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon of Claim 43 further including:

code to receive electronically a request from the first user for information provided by the second user;

code to transmit electronically the plurality of information levels from the second user in sequence to the first user.

45. A programmed computer for operating a computer network implementing progressive information disclosure comprising:

a memory for storing computer executable code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in memory, wherein the program code includes:

code to receive electronically from a first user levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence;

code to receive electronically a request from a second user for information provided by the first user;

code to transmit electronically the information levels in sequence to the second user until a termination response is received or until the information sequence has completed.

46. The programmed computer of Claim 45 further including:

code to receive electronically from a second user a plurality of levels of information, the information levels to be presented in a sequence.

47. The programmed computer of Claim 46 further including:

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